Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Transit Service Funding Agreement

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Presentation overview

Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD)

- Implementation timeline
- King County Metro/SDOT Transit Service Funding Agreement
- Proposition 1 spend plan for new 0.15% sales tax
- Next steps





STBD Timeline

DATE	ACTION	APRIL
Today	Council and Mayor approve ordinance authorizing Metro/SDOT Transit Service Funding Agreement	ONGOING \$20 Vehicle Licensing Fee for safety and enhancement of transportation system
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New Metro Transit Service Funding Agreement Principle terms

SALES TAX

- In effect at Metro's spring 2021 service change (March 20)
- 6-year term through 2027 (allows for full ramp down and closeout)
- Annual reconciliation process ensures City pays only for service hours delivered
- Exhibits updated annually to reflect estimated costs and intended volume of service hours purchased by City for next year
- Ramp down provision allows no more than 100k hours cut per service change
- No supplantation (data sharing requirements; right to request audit)





New Metro Transit Service Funding Agreement Cost elements



	STBD (2015- 2020)	New STBD (2021- 2026)	Description of changes in new agreement
Cost increase trigger	×		City/County will convene efforts to mitigate service impacts when costs or fare revenues increase enough to impact service volumes. Mitigation strategies could include interim service suspensions.
Disclosure requirement	×		County must notify City of any changes in policy or practice that could impact service levels
Suspension of contract requirements	×		Suggests parties mutually agree to suspension of contract provisions that could interfere with avoiding/minimizing service reductions
Joint efforts to reduce cost escalation drivers	×		Metro agrees, with City support, to alleviate drivers of cost escalation in non-emergency years
Federal relief funding	×		Calls for parties to agree to how to best apply federal relief funding proportionally to percentage of service purchased by City





New Metro Transit Service Funding Agreement **Twice per year service planning cycle**





MONTH 1 SDOT proposed service plan to Metro



MONTH 2

Metro reviews proposal on vehicle, driver, layover and capacity, etc.



MONTH 4

SDOT/Metro finalize plan, ensuring no supplantation



MONTH 6

Metro implements plan, including schedules and driver selection

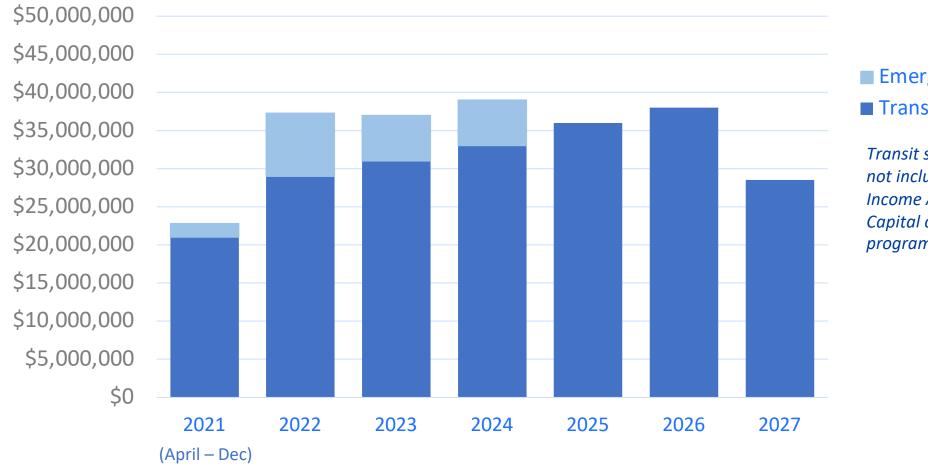


MARCH/SEPTEMBER Metro service change Service purchases adjusted in advance of spring (March) and fall (September) service changes





Draft transit service spend plan - \$238.6M



Emerging Needs: West SeattleTransit Service

Transit service elements only; does not include ORCA Opportunity, Low Income Access to Transit, Transit Capital or Essential Workers program funding.



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